

Proclamation

WHEREAS, agriculture plays a vital role in Colorado's economy, annually creating 115,600 jobs and contributing \$41 billion to the economy; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Proud program inspires local school districts to incorporate local ingredients into menus by connecting them with Colorado producers and chefs; and

WHEREAS, eating healthy, wholesome foods provides Colorado's schoolchildren with improved health and the best chance to succeed in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Colorado school districts provide nutritious and delicious meals to encourage better fitness and sensible eating decisions in students, which has been proven to reduce the occurrence of chronic diseases; and

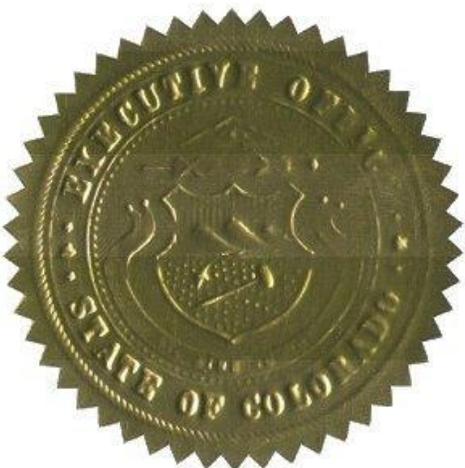
WHEREAS, Colorado Proud educates tomorrow's leaders about the significance of Colorado agriculture and the role it plays in a healthy lifestyle;

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2020, as

COLORADO PROUD SCHOOL MEAL DAY

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of September, 2020



Jared Polis
Jared Polis
Governor